GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Allegation of Corruption against Sri Balla Venu Gopala Krishna @ Venu Gopal, formerly Mandal Revenue Inspector, O/o. Tahsildar, Kothapeta Mandal, East Godavari District – Trapped on 21.01.2011– Convicted by the Special Judge for Trial of SPE & ACB Cases, Rajamahendravaram in CC No.12/2018 (old CC No.20/2013) Dt:18.09.2024 - Dismissal from Service – Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 269 Dated: 19-11-2024

Read the following:-

1. Final report from the D.G., ACB, Dt:31.05.2011
2. G.O.Ms.No.1693, Rev (VIG.VII) Dept, Dt:06.09.2011.
3. Judgment Dated 18.09.2024 in CC No.12/2018 (old CC No.20/2013)of the Special Judge for Trial of SPE & ACB Cases, Rajamhendravaram.
4. From the D.G., ACB, Lr.Rc.No.17/RCT-REG/2011, Dated 23-09-2024.

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ORDER:

Whereas it was brought to the notice of the Government that Sri Balla Venu Gopala Krishna @ Venu Gopal, formerly Mandal Revenue Inspector, O/o. Tahsildar, Kothapeta Mandal, East Godavari district was trapped by the ACB authorities on 21.01.2011 when he demanded and accepted bribe of Rs.20,000/- from the complainant for doing official favour.

2. And whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, has furnished final report and recommended to prosecute the A.O., Sri Balla Venu Gopala Krishna @ Venu Gopal, formerlyMandal Revenue Inspector, O/o. Tahsildar, Kothapeta Mandal, East Godavari district in a court of law for the offence punishable under Section 7 and 13(2) read with 13(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

3. And whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, Government after careful examination of the matter, accorded sanction to prosecute Sri Balla Venu Gopala Krishna @ Venu Gopal, formerly Mandal Revenue Inspector, O/o. Tahsildar, Kothapeta Mandal, East Godavari district in a court of law for the aforesaid offences publishable under Section 7 and 13(2) read with 13(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

4. And whereas, in the reference 4th read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada has reported that the Special Judge for Trial of SPE & ACB Cases, Rajamahendravaram delivered the Judgment on 18.09.2024 in CC No.12/2018 (old CC No.20/2013) convicted the AO Sri Balla Venu Gopala Krishna @ Venu Gopal, formerly Mandal Revenue Inspector, O/o. Tahsildar, Kothapeta Mandal, East Godavari district.

5. The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has therefore, requested the Government to dismiss the Accused Officer Sri Balla Venu Gopala Krishna

(Pto.,)

@ Venu Gopal, formerly Mandal Revenue Inspector, O/o. Tahsildar, Kothapeta Mandal, East Godavari district from Government service on the ground of conduct which led to his conviction on a Criminal charge under Rule 25 of APCS (C.C.& A) Rules, 1991 without any notice.

6. The Special Judge for Trial of SPE & ACB Cases, Rajamahendravaram delivered the judgment on 18.09.2024 in CC No.12/2018 (old CC No.20/2013) as follows (Operative Portion):

> "In the result, the Accused Officer is found guilty for the offences punishable under section 7, 13(1)(d) r/w 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and he is convicted under section 248(2) Cr.P.C.
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> The Accused Officer is questioned regarding the quantum of sentence that can be awarded to him for the offences under section 7 & 13(1)(d) r/w. 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, for which he has stated that he is having small children and aged parents and that they are depending on his income and that he is the only person to look after them. He has further stated that except his job he has no other source of income.
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> Considering the nature of the offence this Court is of the opinion that the Accused Officer is not entitled for the benefits of benevolent provisions of the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958.
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> Considering the nature of the offence, the Accused Officer is sentenced to undergo Rigorous Imprisonment for a period of One Year and shall pay a fine of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only) for the offence under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
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> In default of payment of fine, he shall suffer Simple Imprisonment of Two Months.
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> The Accused Officer is sentenced to undergo Rigorous Imprisonment for a period of Two Years and shall pay a fine of Rs.3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand only) for the offences under section 13(1)(d) r/w 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. In default of payment of fine, he shall suffer Simple Imprisonment of Two Months. Both the sentences shall run concurrently. Total fine amount of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only). The remand period of the Accused Officer i.e., from 23.01.2011 to 23.02.2011 shall be set of under section 428 Cr. P.C.

7. And whereas, on consideration of facts and circumstances of the case, Government have decided that the major penalty of dismissal from Government service shall be imposed on Sri Balla Venu Gopala Krishna @ Venu Gopal, formerly Mandal Revenue Inspector, O/o. Tahsildar, Kothapeta Mandal, East Godavari district in terms of G.O Ms. 2, G.A (Ser-C) Dept., dt:04-01-1999 with immediate effect.

8. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (x) of Rule 9 read with clause (i) of Rule 25 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services **(Pto.,)**

(Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 and G.O.Ms.No.2, General Administration (Service-C) Department, dt:04-01-1999, Government hereby dismiss Sri Balla Venu Gopala Krishna @ Venu Gopal, formerly Mandal Revenue Inspector, O/o. Tahsildar, Kothapeta Mandal, East Godavari district with immediate effect in view of the conviction of the Accused Officer vide Judgment on 18.09.2024 in CC No.12/2018 (old CC No.20/2013) by the Special Judge for Trial of SPE & ACB Cases, Rajamahendravaram.

9. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri/ The Collector & District Magistrate, East Godavari shall take necessary further action accordingly and furnish the compliance report to the Government, immediately.

10. The following Notification shall be published in the extraordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, dated:19-11-2024.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under clause (x) of Rule 9 read with clause (i) of Rule 25 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 and G.O.Ms.No.2, General Administration (Service-C) Department, dated 04-01-1999, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby dismiss Sri Balla Venu Gopala Krishna @ Venu Gopal, formerly Mandal Revenue Inspector, O/o. Tahsildar, Kothapeta Mandal, East Godavari district from Government service, with immediate effect, in view of the conviction of the Accused Officer vide Judgment on 18.09.2024 in CC No.12/2018 (old CC No.20/2013) by the Special Judge for Trial of SPE & ACB Cases, Rajamahendravaram.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R P SISODIA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,
Sri Balla Venu Gopala Krishna @ Venu Gopal, formerly Mandal Revenue Inspector, O/o. Tahsildar, Kothapeta Mandal, East Godavari district through the Collector & District Magistrate, East Godavari.
The Collector & District Magistrate, East Godavari (with a request to serve the G.O. on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to the Government for record).
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P, Mangalagiri.
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery & Stores Purchase, Vijayawada (with a request to publish the G.O. in the extraordinary Gazette and furnish 10 copies to Government and the Dist. Collector, East Godavari).
Copy to:-
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, APVC, Velagapudi.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER